

MAKE SURE YOU KNOW

Severe Weather Safety

This is a checklist of five basic things you should know about severe weather safety. Knowing this information and utilizing these tips should improve your chances of being safe if severe weather threatens. Be sure that you, and your family or coworkers, are familiar with everything on this list.

- ☐ **“Get In, Get Down, Cover Up”**
- ☐ **Have at Least Three Ways to Get Weather Information**
- ☐ **Ensure Wireless Emergency Alerts are Enabled on Smartphone**
- ☐ **Three Basic Things to Include in Your Severe Weather Safety Plan**
 - **Where to Shelter**
 - **How to Reach Each Other (*communication*)**
 - **Meet-up spot if You Get Separated**
- ☐ **Difference Between Watches and Warnings**



Self-Assessment: Can you check all five boxes?



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When a TORNADO WARNING is Issued

“Get In, Get Down, Cover Up”

1. Get In

Get into a sturdy building and put as many walls between you and the outside as possible.



2. Get Down

Get as low in the building as possible – the basement or the lowest floor.



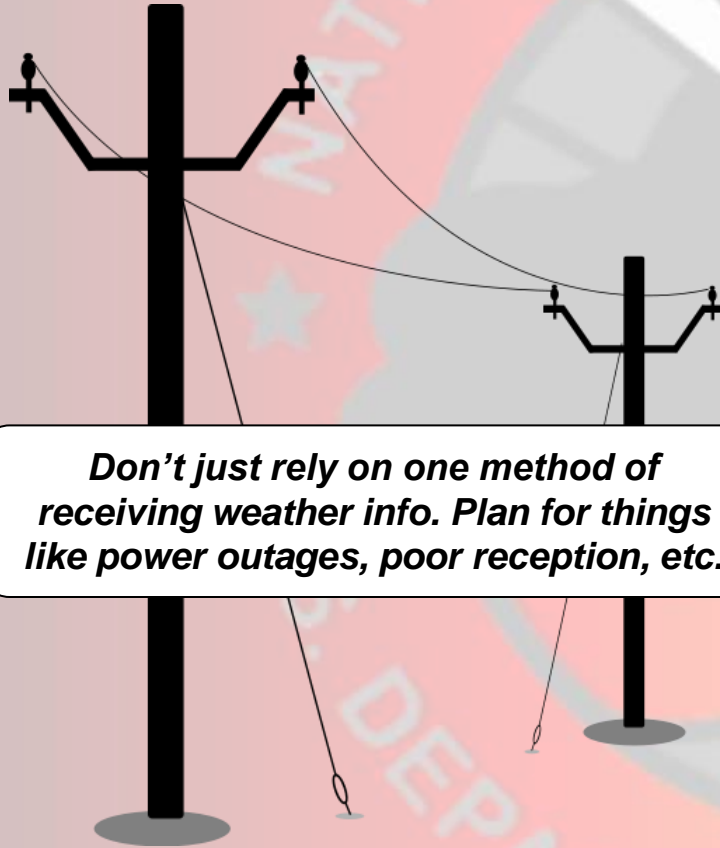
3. Cover Up

Flying and falling debris are a storm's number one killer. Use pillows, blankets, helmets, etc. to cover up and protect yourself.



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HAVE THREE WAYS TO GET WEATHER INFO



Don't just rely on one method of receiving weather info. Plan for things like power outages, poor reception, etc.

**Battery
powered
radio**



Internet



Phone



Television



**NOAA
Weather
Radio**



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IS YOUR PHONE WEA READY?

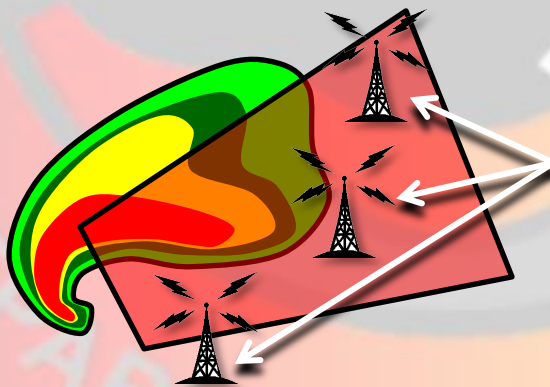
WEA is...
Wireless
Emergency
Alert

- *Automatic, text-like message informing you of dangerous situations*
- *No charges to receive a WEA message*
- *WEA messages have a special tone and vibration*



Check to see
if your phone is
WEA-Capable

Go to...
www.ctia.org/wea



If you...

- ✓ Have WEA messages enabled
- ✓ And are by a cell tower covering a Tornado Warning polygon

You will automatically receive message telling you of a Tornado Warning.

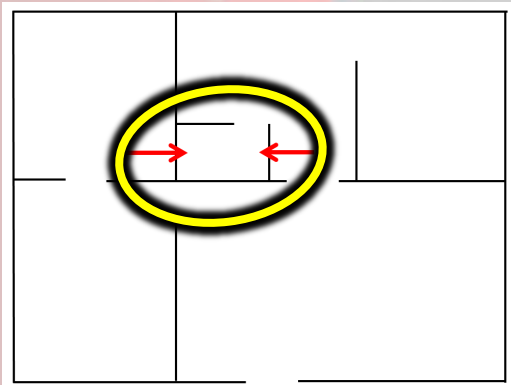


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SEVERE WEATHER SAFETY PLAN

Three basic things everyone in your home or business should know...

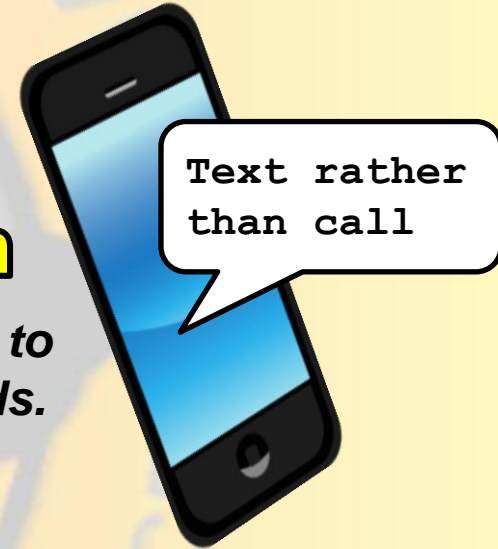
1. Pick A Spot



Find a safe normal sheltering location, and let everyone know that's where they should go during severe weather

2. How To Get In Touch

Everyone should know how to reach one another afterwards. In disasters, texting is often better than calling.



3. Choose a "Meet Up Spot"

It's a good idea to have a standard meet up spot that everyone knows.



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WATCH VS. WARNING

Do YOU know the difference?

You should be...

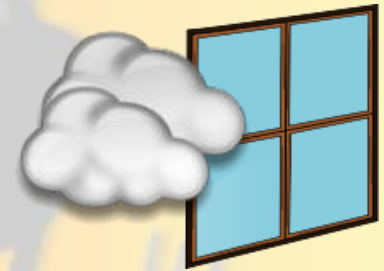
WATCH

Be alert. Severe storms or tornadoes MIGHT form and affect your area.



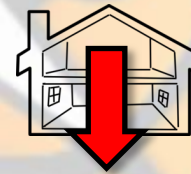
Monitoring information

Keep an eye on the sky



WARNING

TAKE ACTION! A severe storm or tornado is expected in your area.



ACT SWIFTLY. GET IN, GET DOWN, AND COVER UP.



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